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COMBINED DECLARATION FOR A PATENT APPLICATION
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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

"Method for Isolating and Purifying Nucleic Acids on Surfaces"

the specification of which:

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was filed as U.S. application Ser. No. 09/536,736 on March 28, 2000
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

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Priority Claimed	Day/Month/Year filed	Country	Number
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